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EMERGENCY

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C/S COMMENT: Reported that [redacted] approaching from the East. [redacted] use of B-26 aircraft.

CONCUR, ALREADY UNDER WAY. TWO B-26'S SCHEDULE OUT EVERY TWO HOURS TO WORK ALL ROADS LEADING INTO TEACHHEAD. C-24 BEING LOADED WITH 55 GALLON DRUMS OF NAPALM. ALSO TO HIT BEACHROADS AND [redacted] APPROACHING BEACH.

26. ALL ABOVE CREWS WILL BE AMERICAN. CUBAN CREWS NEARLY BROKEN WITHOUT AT LEAST 12 TO 24 HRS OFF.

27. ABOVE EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH TOMORROW BUT VERY CONCERNED RE LACK OF EFFECTIVE NAVY AIR COVER. TONITES B-26 MISSION WERE MET AT THE 12 MILE LIMIT INBOUND AND OUTBOUND. BEACH REPTS ENEMY AIRCRAFT MADE PASSES ON BEACH WHILE NAVY A/C REMAINED AT HIGH ALTITUDE. IF THIS PROCEDURE USED IN THE MORNING HQTRS CAN EXPECT TO LOSE SOME AMERICAN CREWS.

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